

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace paragraph [0005] with the following:

[0005] Store settings, programs, and data to a remote or portable drive (104).

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[0006] Store settings, programs, and data from a computer (102) to a remote or portable drive (106).

Replace paragraph [0017] with the following:

[0017] The POE configuration and setup is illustrated as a flowchart in Fig. 2. At a step 202, [[T]]the user installs the POE software and invokes the POE configuration utility. At a step 204, [[T]]the POE configuration utility allows the user to select programs from a registry to copy over to a removable or remote storage location.

Replace paragraph [0018] with the following:

[0018] In the POE configuration utility, the preferred selection method is somewhat similar to the “Add/Remove Program” selection in Windows: At a step 210, the user simply selects an installed programs, and the POE configuration utility, at step 212, then looks up (using installation and registry information) which files to move or copy. The files needed can include programs, DLLs, and/or configuration or program data information. At a step 216, POE will either move or make a copy of these programs and the related registry and environmental settings to the desired location as well as the POE suite of programs.

Replace paragraph [0023] with the following:

[0023] The POE Environment Capture is illustrated as a flowchart in Fig. 3. The user can use the POE Environment Capture to capture all registry settings pertaining to their desired suite of programs and data on the targeted storage media. This allows the user to capture, update, or remove registry settings pertaining to all programs on one or more storage medias that the user has selected. At a step 302, the POE Environment Capture routine is invoked. At step 304, the program listings from the POE default temporary target registry is retrieved. At step 308, the configuration and dynamic link library (DLL) information from the Registry is retrieved for the programs selected from the program listings. At step 310, the system environment that affects the selected program is retrieved. At step 312, the POE partial registry, installation files, updated programs and data are copied to a storage or target media or location.

Replace paragraph [0026] with the following:

[0026] The POE Invoke Environment is illustrated as a flowchart in Fig. 4. When the user selects to invoke the POE environment at step 402, they must have access to their POE captured environment, programs and data identified in the captured environment, and the POE suite of programs. When invoked with the appropriate information, at a step 404, POE will backup the local registry, environment, and applicable DLLs on local disk machine disk in temporary storage space 408 and on the targeted media 406, update, at a step 418, the local system registry and environment to point to the programs and data on the targeted media at step 424. The targeted programs will not need to be copied locally. This method assumes that the connectivity to the targeted drive is high speed (a high speed network connection, a high speed USB connection or some method that allows relatively high speed loading of programs and DLLs).

Replace paragraph [0027] with the following:

[0027] At this point, as shown in step 422, the user may now use the system as they would on their default machine, and they will have access to all of their programs and data on their targeted media. POE's update of the system registry and environment will ensure that the user has their own versions of software, data, and configuration.

Replace paragraph [0028] with the following:

[0028] Registry updates, program updates, or environmental updates made while on the local machine will be captured to the stored environment on the targeted remote storage media at step 420.

Replace paragraph [0033] with the following:

[0033] Figures 5 and 6 depict an example of the system registry before 502 and after 602 invoking the POE environment. This example assumes that a local system 504 has programs A and Z installed on the system, and that the POE user has program A installed on their target media with the POE environment. This shows how POE alters the registry to point to the user's target programs 606 during a POE invoked environment.

Replace paragraph [0035] with the following:

[0035] The POE Restore Environment is illustrated as a flowchart in Fig. 7. The POE Environment Restoration will restore DLLs, registry settings, and environment and will clean up temporary files that were created while on the local machine. When POE Environment Restoration is invoked at a step 702 (automatically when target drive can no longer be detected or invoked by user before leaving local machine), it will restore the local machine's registry to the settings stored by POE Invoke Environment at a step 716. At a step 704, the program listing from the POE default temporary target Registry and old system registry will be retrieved. At a step 712, the configuration and DDL information from the temporary target Registry for the user-selected programs will be retrieved. The POE Environment Restoration will restore DLLs, registry settings, and environment and will clean up temporary files that were created while on the local machine.

After a check for conflicting files at a step 714, the copy of the backed up, original system registry is copied over the existing POE temporary system registry.